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In the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

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This invention provides a method for treating rheumatoid arthritis and other forms of inflammatory arthritis which comprises administering to a subject an amount of an agent effective to inhibit the activation of the CXCR4 receptor by SDF-1. This invention also provides related methods and compositions.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 7-11 with the following:

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This application is a continuation-in-part application of International Application No. PCT/US99/17178, filed July 29, 1999, which claims priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/127,651, filed July 31, 1998, now abandoned, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7, 11, 12, 16 and 17 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

Please add new claims 18 and 19 as follows: